



Band Patch without Needle and Thread

Preface

Today I worked on a project and by chance I found a patch of the band [Hexer](#) in the fabric box. I had seen and bought this patch in 2017 after a *Cosmic Doom Ritual* concert. Spontaneously I had the idea to attach it to a pair of shorts, but unfortunately I had no needle or thread at hand. Here I show how to attach a band patch with press rings and studs to the pants.

Materials

You don't necessarily have to buy the band patch from this band now, you probably have your own favourite metal bands who also sell patches. You should have a hammer at home. You can get the press rings and studs in a shop for tailor supplies. Just ask the sellers and they will help you. Unfortunately I have no idea how they are called in other countries, because I always buy them as no name products and there are no printed instructions on the packaging.





- Ritual Patch
- Hammer
- Press Rings (Metal)
- Press Studs (Metal)
- Press Rings and Studs Tools
- Wooden Board (Underlay)
- Punch
- Metal Shorts
- Black Fineliner

Realisation



First we have to get the holes in the band patch. I always do this with a hole punch which is also used in school for paper. You can get it in every shop for school supplies. How many holes you want to make is up to you. The holes should not be too close to each other, because the patch starts to lose threads.



When we have made all the holes in the patch, we take **one** press ring and put the printed side into the hole.



With the thumb we press the press ring against the patch and with the index and middle finger against the other side. At the beginning you can drop it one or two times but after a few minutes you can get it right. You have to practice a little how to move your fingers.



This is the metal base so the ring won't slip away when you put the hammer on the ring.



This is what it has to look like. First comes the metal base, then the metal ring (which has a turned over side) and then the patch. As I said above, you should always work on a ring, because otherwise it doesn't work so well.



Finally comes the very flat ring.



This is the tool we will use to connect the two rings together. Usually this is a small metal rod that has such a strange knob on one end. We put this knob end into the two rings. Then take a hammer with your right hand and carefully hit the other end of the metal bar. The rings can get crooked very easily and that happens to me sometimes. Again you need practice until you figure out how to work with the Materila. Even if your friends, teachers or influencers tell you that everything has to be perfect, I am of the opinion that with a metal band patch it doesn't have to look perfect either. You have to like it and that's the most important thing.



This is the previous result. Let's move on to the next steps.



We put the patch where we want to put it on the pants. Then we take a black fineliner and draw the holes.



As you can see on the photo I made quite a lot of holes for such a small patch.



Now we need two other tools. Here we see a small disc made of plastic, which is used as a base. You can get these tools mostly when you buy the press studs in the shop.



This is the second tool. A small steel pipe with a sharp edge. Since we can't use a hole punch with the shorts, we have to use this tool.



We put the plastic base where we want the hole. The plastic must be inside the trouser leg. Not on the other outside. Then we put the small tube with the sharp side on the pants and hammer on the other end. With this we get holes in the fabric.



Here we see the made hole. With leather it is always straight. With such a coarse fabric as the pants you can see small threads. But that doesn't matter, because it lasts like that.



After we have made all the holes in the shorts we insert (again only one) small metal pin (as you can see on the photo) from the inside to the outside through the hole. Then we take the small metal covers and put them on the metal pin. Now we can carefully hammer the lid to the bottom.



This is what the final result looks like in detail.



Here once again the final result in full size. As you can see I omitted two press tsuds to make it look more individual. As mentioned above, it doesn't have to be perfect. Nobody is perfect and that also applies to the fashion a person wears.

Conclusion

If you have done a good job you can marry late if you need the washing machine. If you're a beginner, you'll usually get a two press rings out or the patch will break at one point. that's ok. You can either insert new rings again or take screws with nuts. This also looks very strong.